

SENATE BILL 538

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to certain
immunizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-5-110.

In accordance with the latest recommendations of the advisory committee
on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
during the post partum period and prior to discharge, each hospital shall provide
parents of newborns educational information on Pertussis disease and the
availability of a vaccine to protect against Pertussis. This educational information
shall include, but is not limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control
and Prevention's recommendation that parents and caregivers receive Tdap
during the post partum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of
Pertussis. Nothing in this section shall require any hospital to provide or pay for
any vaccination against Pertussis. This section also shall not constitute a
requirement to be assessed during any inspection under chapter 11, part 2, of
this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.